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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated September 12, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims, as reflected in the listing of claims, begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 3.